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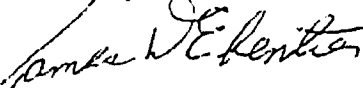
Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

It is obvious to me that Microsoft has been cooperative in settling this antitrust case. They agreed to design future versions of Windows, beginning with an interim release of Windows XP, to provide a mechanism to make it easy for computer makers, consumers and software developers to promote non-Microsoft software within Windows. The mechanism will make it easy to add or remove access to features built in to Windows or to non-Microsoft software. Consumers will have the freedom to choose to change their configuration at any time.

This settlement represents a good faith effort on Microsoft's part at bringing forth a viable end to this lawsuit. Now that this is done, let's concentrate on getting the economy back on track and allow the commercial sector to take care of itself.

Sincerely,



James Ebentier